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1. ROBERT G. KAISER AND WALTER PINCUS OF WASHINGTON POST SAID ONE MANIFESTATION OF CARTER'S DIRECT PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN WRITING HIS ANNAPOLIS SPEECH WAS "EXTENDED COMPARISON BETWEEN INHERENT STRENGTHS AND CONFIDENCE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND IDEOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC WEAKNESSES OF SOVIET SYSTEM." PINCUS AND KAISER REPORTED THAT "CARTER, IT IS RELIABLY SAID, SEES THIS AS BETTER ARGUMENT FOR SALT AGREE-

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MENT WITH SOVIETS THAN ANY ARCANE COMPARISONS OF MEGATON-
NAGE IN TWO COUNTRIES' ATOMIC ARSENALS. SOVIET SPECIALISTS,
HOWEVER, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CARTER'S FRONTAL ATTACK ON
SOVIET SYSTEM -- UNMITIGATED BY ANY SIGN OF RESPECT FOR
SOVIET ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- MIGHT BE READ AS PROVOCATION IN
MOSCOW."

2. IN ANALYSIS OF CARTER SPEECH, MURREY MARDER OF WASHING-
TON POST SAID PRESIDENT ONCE AGAIN OFFICIALLY DISCLAIMED
ANY DESIRE TO LINK SALT NEGOTIATIONS WITH "OTHER COMPETI-
TIVE RELATIONSHIPS." NEVERTHELESS, MARDER POINTED OUT,

ONCE MORE CARTER CAME DOWN ON BRZEZINSKI VERSION OF
UNACKNOWLEDGED LINKAGE -- RATHER THAN LINKAGE DISCLAIMER
URGED BY SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE. IT MAY
APPEAR SUPERFICIALLY THAT CARTER SPLIT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
BRZEZINSKI AND VANCE, BUT HE DID NOT. VANCE PUBLICLY HAS
INSISTED THAT AFRICAN-AGGRAVATED POLITICAL CLIMATE FOR
SALT CAN ONLY JEOPARDIZE 'RATIFICATION' OF SALT ONCE AN
AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED. BRZEZINSKI HAS CONTENDED THAT
SOVIET ACTIONS AS AN 'INTERNATIONAL MARAUDER' CAN DAMAGE
PRESENT NEGOTIATING STAGE AS WELL. CARTER YESTERDAY SAID
THAT 'TENSIONS, SHARP DISPUTES, OR THREATS TO PEACE WILL
COMPLICATE QUEST FOR AN AGREEMENT.' IF VANCE THINKS HE
HAS WON ANYTHING, BRZEZINSKI WILL KNOW BETTER, FOR 'QUEST'
LITERALLY EMBRACES BOTH NEGOTIATIONS AND RATIFICATION."
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3. IN BALTIMORE SUN ANALYSIS, HENRY TREWHITT SAID CAR-
TER'S ADVISERS DESIGNATED ANNAPOLIS ADDRESS AS LOGICAL
SEQUEL TO THOSE HE MADE AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY LAST
MARCH 17 AND AT NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, MAY 22, 1977.
"MR. CARTER'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH WAS OPTIMISTIC AND
IDEALISTIC, REFLECTING HIGH MORAL TONE WITH WHICH HE
ENTERED OFFICE. BY LAST MARCH, WAKE FOREST SPEECH WAS
FAR MORE ORIENTED TO DEFENSE AND SOVIET THREAT.... THIS
TIME HE BLENDED OVERLAPPING ELEMENTS OF HIS PREVIOUS
STATEMENTS INTO COHERENT WHOLE. HE DID SO, ONE OFFICIAL
SAID, 'WITHOUT SHEDDING LOT OF BLOOD' AMONG HIS ADVISERS."

4. MARTIN TOLCHIN OF NEW YORK TIMES SAID PRESIDENT'S
POLITICAL AS WELL AS FOREIGN POLICY ADVISERS HELPED DRAFT
HIS RESTATEMENT OF HIS POLICY TOWARD SOVIET UNION WITH AN
EYE, ACCORDING TO WHITE HOUSE AIDES, ON DOMESTIC AND
FOREIGN AUDIENCES. HE SAID VANCE AND BRZEZINSKI PLAYED
MAJOR ROLES IN DRAFTING SPEECH, "WHICH ATTEMPTED TO
RECONCILE THEIR DISPARATE VIEWS." LEADING ROLE ALSO WAS
PLAYED BY HAMILTON JORDAN, "WHO FREELY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT
HE IS NOT AN EXPERT ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS." TOLCHIN

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SAID JORDAN "APPARENTLY ACTED IN HIS CAPACITY AS AN ACKNOWLEDGED POLITICAL EXPERT. HE HAD URGED PRESIDENT TO TAKE TOUGH ANTI-SOVIET STANCE AND TO STRESS AMERICAN MILITARY MIGHT IN HOPE OF GAINING MORE FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE HERE FOR SENATE ACCEPTANCE OF TREATY OF LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS." JORDAN WAS SAID TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT'S ANNAPOLIS SPEECH "HELPED TO CREATE SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE," TOLCHIN REPORTED.

5. DANIEL SOUTHERLAND OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR OBSERVED THAT PRESIDENT, "SPEAKING WITH PARTIAL AIM OF ENDING CONFUSION OVER HOW U.S. PLANS TO COPE WITH SOVIET-CUBAN ACTIVITY IN AFRICA" CHOSE "FIRM BUT CAREFUL

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PATH BETWEEN EXTREMES. PRESIDENT DID NOT SWING AS FAR AS SOME GOVERNMENT FOREIGN POLICY EXPERTS OR SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WOULD LIKE TOWARD POLICY OF 'PUNISHING' RUSSIANS FOR THEIR AFRICAN ACTIONS." HE RECALLED THAT SENATOR HOWARD BAKER TWO DAYS AGO SUGGESTED THAT CARTER INFORM KREMLIN THAT CONTINUED ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA WOULD FORCE REVIEW OF ALL NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING SALT. "MR. CARTER DECLINED TO GO THAT FAR," SOUTHERLAND POINTED OUT. "HE SAID U.S. HAS NO DESIRE TO IMPOSE SPECIAL CONDITIONS ON ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS OR TO LINK THEM WITH OTHER MATTERS."

6. KENNETH BACON OF WALL STREET JOURNAL SAID CARTER ADDRESS WAS "DESIGNED TO COUNTER IMPRESSION THAT ADMINISTRATION IS DIVIDED OVER HOW TO DEAL WITH SOVIETS. 'THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE ONE VOICE ON FOREIGN POLICY AFTER THIS SPEECH,' ONE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SAID.... MAJOR THEMES OF SPEECH -- NEED FOR COOPERATION AND CONTINUING COMPETITION, EMPHASIS ON AMERICA'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OVER SOVIETS AND NEED FOR BOTH NATIONS TO SHOW RESTRAINT -- ARE BASIC CONCLUSIONS OF MAJOR STRATEGIC REVIEW ADMINISTRATION COMPLETED YEAR AGO."

7. IN DISPATCHES FROM MOSCOW, U.S. MEDIA OBSERVED THAT SOVIET REACTION TO CARTER SPEECH WAS SWIFT AND CRITICAL. NEW YORK TIMES, FOR EXAMPLE, POINTED OUT THAT TASS CALLED CARTER'S SPEECH "STRANGE, TO SAY LEAST" AND ACCUSED U.S. OF FACILLATING BETWEEN COLD WAR AND DETENTE. "APPARENTLY CHOICE HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE IN LEADERSHIP CIRCLES OF WASHINGTON," TASS SAID. VANCE

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